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# Media Advisory

## PROJECT VICTORY COMES TO HIALEAH

**Hialeah, Florida** – Hialeah Mayor Julio Robaina and the Hialeah City Council, announce Project Victory, a collaborative effort between the City of Hialeah and Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The program was launched at City Hall on Monday, August 24, 2009.

Project Victory is an employability skills training program for high school juniors and seniors with developmental disabilities. The students, who range in age from 16 to 21, receive school credit while working at the City. When speaking about the significance of the program, Mayor Robaina has said, "This is part of our vision to train our students with professional job skills while they are obtaining their high school degrees." The school system transports the students to their Project Victory site five days a week in morning and afternoon shifts throughout the school year. They receive job training and individual attention. Project Victory students will be seen throughout various departments at City Hall, including the Print Shop, Community Development, Finance and Retirement, among others. Individual attention and mentoring are an important part of the program and, in addition to job skills, students are taught interpersonal skills and the importance of personal appearance and reliability. Through this program, students gain employability skills that better prepare them for their future and assist them in becoming more independent and self-sufficient.

**Mayor Robaina & students from Project Victory will be available for photos & interviews on Wednesday, September 2, 2009 from 9:45 a.m. through 10 a.m. Office of the Mayor – City Hall – 501 Palm Avenue – Fourth Floor**

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